

## VAPSS Newsletter

Contributions to the newsletter photos of the recent VAPSS and VPI&SU/Virginia Tech wetland soils annual Fall meeting from Jeff Walker, also elected to the VAPSS Board of Directors as our 2013 President elect. Congratulations, Jeff.

Drum roll, please. Congratulations to the new officers for 2013

President – Ryan Reed

President elect – Jeff Walker

Past President – Kevin Seaford

Secretary – Nan Gray

Treasurer – Matt Tolley

Board of Directors – Shannon Hill

David Hall

\*\*\*\*\*Who else on BOD?\*\*\*

A big Thank you to Kevin Seaford, 2012 President, for a job well done. Thank you, Joe Felton (2012 Secretary) Lexi Jones (2012 VAPSS Past President) and rotating Board of Director Members for all of your contributions to VAPSS.

### Some notes from the Annual Fall Business Meeting:

12 Nov 2012

Approval of amended minutes into agenda. Motion approved by Matt Tolley, seconded by John Dalton

Reduce fees? No, unanimous, voting VAPSS members.

Dues remain at \$100???? per year for the coming year. A bargain for Professional Regular Membership in the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists!

Motion by Nan Gray, seconded by Matt Tolley?

Student fees reduced for meetings or membership? No, keep status quo. Motion by Nan Gray, seconded by Bruce Legge Dues are currently (\*\*\*\$25???)

Forum? Go to VAPSS.org website, send Lexi Jones an email and she'll set up the forum. Thank you, Lexi.

DPOR review of our (Professional Soil Scientist) regulations. Comment for regulation changes, i.e. add Ethics Seminar requirements, continuing education. Lexi Jones supports furthering/continuance of CPSS/LPSS Board. Everyone in the room nodded. Public comment period is NOW--- from 5 Nov to 5 Dec 2012.

link to town hall and comment the public need for wise land use and how Professional Soil Scientists and other Earth Scientists play a crucial role in its health and well being.

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Say to support LPSS Board and regulations

Next DPOR meeting is 5 Dec 2012 at 10 AM in Richmond

--Ask DPOR to switch to SSSA (Soil Science Society of America) exam for licensure.

\*\*Tell VAPSS Membership to become CPSS before LPSS if you want to be grandfathered into LPSS. Must be current CPSS to grandmother/grandfather into LPSS.

\*\*\*send reminder to apply to CPSS/LPSS before 30 June 2013

\*\*\*\*All Certified Professional Soil Scientists that apply before the deadline will metamorphose into Licensed Professional Soil Scientists after 30 June 2013. Congratulations to all of us who have waited a long time to see this happen, Thank you, Good job.

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Treasurer's Report -- Matt Tolley, no financial report  
Budget Report- -Nan Gray, no Budget Report  
Edmond Scholarship—Alex Blackburn, no report

Motion to waive President's VAPSS registration fee for the Annual meeting? Passed, unanimously by voting Members, motion by Nan Gray, seconded by Matt Tolley

Greg Monnett will be the man to talk to for the 2013 Virginia State Fair. But really, when the time comes, you'll know it! End of September-beginning of October. Sign up now...

Ethics Report – the Ethics Seminar was cancelled for the Fall meeting.

Newsletter is Secretary's voice of what VAPSS is doing.

Lexi Jones suggested stamped post cards –going to each member to update address, email, contact info, etc—before we send out Newsletter to all members for the New Year.

Newsletter articles are due 30 Nov 2012.

E&S Plan Reviewer some folks want 1 day classroom one day fieldtrip, some want a full week. DCR teaches this in 5-6 days for the whole deal. Yikes!

ADDITIONAL:

Spring Technical Session E&S vs. Soil Morphology (2<sup>nd</sup> mtg in Spring)...?

That's it for VAPSS 2012 Annual Fall Business Meeting.

More Newsletter Notes

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OSE Board mtg 10 Jan 2013

2013 Geohazards Forum 30 July-1 August 2013  
contact this guy if you want to know more:  
Brian Bruckno, PhD., P.G.  
Engineering Geologist  
M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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Another Proud Moment! Once again, John Galbraith has shown how he can produce so many competent Field Soil Scientists. John won this year's Soil Judging Contest. It is a tough test and John scored well above everyone else, said Nan Gray, the soil contest's librarian. "It's always a treat to see everyone having such a good time solving the difficult puzzle of texturing."